## **ABSTRACT**

A close combat butt stock apparatus for an assault weapon is provided with a slideable cover for a close combat butt stock assembly that is positioned behind a first pistol grip and a first trigger of the assault weapon. The close butt stock assembly has an interior opening that defines a close combat handle and a hand shield. A second trigger is also built into the interior opening. With the close combat butt stock apparatus, the military and law enforcement user can now safely and efficiently hold the assault weapon in the bayonet and close quarter combat position with the firing hand holding the close quarter combat handle so that the firing hand is much closer to a second trigger. Maintaining the bayonet and close quarter combat position with the firing hand next to the second trigger permits the user to fire the weapon much more quickly than before, which will optimize the handling of the assault weapon during bayonet and close quarter fighting, protect the firing hand during bayonet and close quarter fighting, provide the user the means to fire the weapon during bayonet and close quarter fighting and extend the striking range of the rifle butt stock during close quarter fighting. Other embodiments include an assault weapon, an assault rifle, an assault weapon equipped with a close combat butt stock assembly and a method for rapidly engaging a second trigger of a close combat butt stock assembly of an assault weapon.

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